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BENEFITS TO FARMERS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the farmers are not getting full benefits of their produce despite India being the leading producer of vegetables and fruits in the world;

(b) if so, whether the Government propose to put in place any system to do away with the intermediaries to ensure full benefits to the farmers; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI NITISH KUMAR)

(a) to (c): Farmers are generally getting benefit of their fruits and vegetables, except during the glut seasons. To safeguard the interest of farmers in the glut situation, Government of India has a Market Intervention Scheme (MIS) wherein market operation is done through identified market agencies based on the request from State Governments. The Government is also providing market infrastructure support for handling, marketing, processing and export of fruits and vegetables. This is an ongoing process.